

ELECTION OF INVENTION

Applicant elects the claims of Group III (claims 26-30 and 40) for immediate prosecution. The election is made without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected claims in the event the restriction requirement is not withdrawn.

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 40 are pending. The examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I (claims 1-20 and 31 – 34), drawn to a transport lockable assembly or impact-resistant system;

Group II (claims 21 – 25 and 35 – 39), drawn to a particular type of blast-resistant material; and

Group III (claims 26 – 30 and 40), drawn to an impact-resistant system comprising first and second layers.

Applicant elects the Group III claims for immediate prosecution. Claims 1-25 and 31-39, directed to the methods of Groups I and II are accordingly withdrawn, without prejudice.

An early action on the merits of claims 26 – 30 and 40 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hamilton Erskine

BY: 

Robert C. Cannuscio
Registration No. 36,469
Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
One Logan Square
18th and Cherry Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19103-6996
Tel: (215) 988-3309
Fax: (215) 988-2757
Attorney for Applicants